(ग) बाकी परियोजनाओं/योजनाओं को स्वीकृति देने में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) स्वीकृत परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनके लिए कितनी राशि आवंटित की गई है ; और

(ङ) क्या भाग (घ) में उल्लिखित किसी परियोजना के निर्माण कार्य में विलम्ब हो रहा है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के लिए 1-4-88 से 31-3-91 तक की 3 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए 219.11 करोड़ रु० के संचित वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत मंत्रालय से निधियों की उपलब्धता और समग्र प्राथमिकताओं को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए 127.34 करोड़ रु० लागत के 164 प्रस्ताव अनुमोदित किए थे ।

(ग) 1-4-91 को लंबित 12 प्रस्तावों में से 5 प्रस्ताव 1991-92 के दौरान अनुमोदन के लिए लिए गए हैं । शेष प्रस्तावों के संबंध में स्पष्टीकरण के लिए राज्य लो०नि०वि० के साथ पत्र व्यवहार किया जा रहा है ।

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उपर्युक्त 164 अनुमोदित कार्यों के लिए कुल 26.15 करोड़ रु० का आवंटन किया गया ।

(ङ) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार स्वीकृत राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं पर कार्य की प्रगति सामान्य तौर पर संतोषजनक है । तथापि 1986-87 में स्वीकृत अहमदाबाद-वडोदरा राष्ट्रीय एक्सप्रेस के निर्माण कार्य में संविदात्मक समस्याओं, जिनको अब काफी हद तक हल कर लिया गया है, के कारण अपेक्षा-विलम्ब हुआ है ।

India's firm stand on Kashmir

313. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Indo-Pak clash in UN over Kashmir" as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 17th October, 1991;

(b) if so, whether India has firmly asked Pakistan to stop abetting terrorists;

(c) whether on the question of Kashmir also India has stated its firm view;

(d) if so, what was the reaction of the Pakistan Government on these issues; and

(e) by when the situation is likely to be eased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEI-RO); (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of Pakistan maintains its position on the Kashmir issue and denies its involvement with terrorism in India.

(e) Discussions are continuing with the Government of Pakistan to carry the confidence building process forward to persuade it to abandon, its negative policies and support to terrorism and subversion, and to join India in the establishment of a peaceful and harmonious relationship.

Supply of Substandard working Equipment to CIL workers

314. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies are

being denied their working equipment like proper uniforms, safety equipment, safety shoes, boots, etc.;

(b) whether some of such material] equipment provided from time to time are of poor standard;

(c) whether public sector manufacturing units are generally not given orders for such supplies:

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details of purchases made of each such item during the past two years and also the sources thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Protection of Indians residing in Germany

315. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Statesman, Calcutta of the 12th November, 1991 captioned "Rally against racial attacks in Germany";

(b) whether some of the nonresident Indians have become victims and objects of such attacks;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with its counterpart in Germany and have sought protection of Indians residing there: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) The Government has seen newspaper reports of racial attacks in Germany against foreigners.

(b) No such incident against nonresident Indians has come to Government's attention.

(c) and (d) The Embassy of India in Germany is in regular contact with the German Government in order to ensure protection and welfare of nonresident Indians.

Returning of Sri Lankan refugees to their Homeland

316. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently sounded Sri Lanka about the eagerness of a good number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees to return to their homeland;

(b) what is the number of refugees from Sri Lanka who are housed in refugee camps in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) steps taken by Government so far to return these refugees to their homeland in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An estimated 1,11,130 refugees from Sri Lanka are presently housed in refugee camps in Tamil Nadu.

(c) Government are in touch with the Sri Lanka Government to work out modalities, including transportation, security etc. for Sri Lanka refugees desirous of returning to their home in North-East Sri Lanka.